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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the after final amendment received on April 3, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 17 and 27-29.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
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6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 04112006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Bianco on April 11, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 17, line 7 and 8, "a 90 degree" has been deleted.

In claim 17, line 9, - wherein the first and second bone plates each includes a plurality of screw holes extending therethrough for receiving a bone screw to be driven into the long bone;

wherein the first and second bone plates each includes a plurality of threaded holes extending there through;

wherein first and second ends of the transverse members each have a screw hole therethrough for receiving a transverse member attachment screw threadable into the threaded holes of the first and second bone plates;

wherein the first and second bone plates each includes a plurality of notched segments, such that each of the plurality of threaded holes is positioned within a notch segment;

And wherein the first and second ends of said transverse member each is received within a notched segment of said plurality of notched segments, such that the

first and second ends of said transverse member are recessed within the first and second bone plates and are substantially flush with a top surface of the first and second bone plates - - has been inserted after "long bone fracture".

Claims 1-16 and 18-26 have been cancelled.

The following new claims have been inserted:

- - 27. (New) The device according to claim 17, wherein the plurality of bone plates substantially prevents a longitudinal movement of the long bone fracture.

28. (New) The device according to claim 17, wherein the plurality of bone plates are conformable to the cortical surface of the long bone.

29. (New) The device according to claim 17, wherein the at least one transverse member substantially prevents a torsional movement of the long bone fracture. - -


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Araj whose telephone number is 571-272-5963. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on 571-272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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